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WS1SM Team Activates W1/HA-001 for CQWW VHF and SOTA

Mt. Washington, Gorham, NH

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

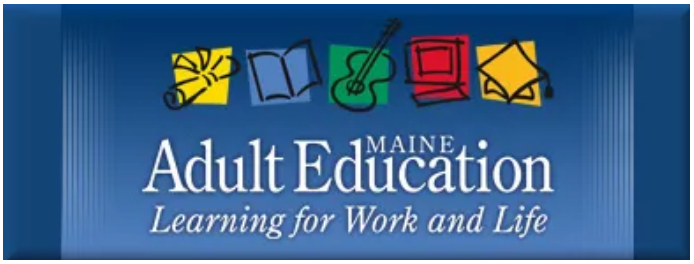
GORHAM, NH - On July 21st, WSSM members took part in a Summits on the Air expedition, and simultaneously participated in the CQWW VHF contest. Using a 2-element yagi for 6 meters, a 4-element beam for 144 ssb, and a pair of J-Poles for 144 and 220 FM, they made nearly 200 QSO's in just a few hours of operating.

[FULL STORY]

WSSM Members To Teach Course for Wells / Ogunquit Adult Education

Intro to Ham Radio

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ



Mark Your Calendars! The Maine QSO Party is September 29th

www.maineqsoparty.com

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

GORHAM, ME - The Maine QSO Party is just around the corner, and we're grateful to everyone who is spreading the word. Recently, the QSO Party was listed on the SM3CER contest calendar, and in QST magazine, and since the last issue, its been added as a supported contest to the popular N1MM logging program.

[FULL STORY]

Field Day Recap

Wassamki Springs Campground

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

The 2013 Field Day was our best ever! Thanks in part to outstanding participation, and an improved station setup, we managed to triple our score from last year.

In November, WSSM members will teach a 3 hour course introducing Amateur Radio to students of Wells / Ogunquit Adult Education. The course, which requires preregistration, is designed to launch students on the path toward earning their first ham radio license. As soon as details are available, we'll provide them here.

QSL Corner

Here's a QSL card received recently by Stefania YO9GJY, for a 10m SSB QSO at 1431 UTC on June 6th.

[SEE MORE QSL's]

[FULL STORY]

A Visit to Club Sportiv Petrolul Ploiesti

YO9KAG club station

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

Recently, I visited the Sportiv Petrolul Ploiesti club while I was in Romania, and I had an opportunity to work the club station. While I only spent a few hours on the air, as YO/KB1HNZ, it was a valuable experience learning about their station setup and especially the propagation in that part of Europe.

[FULL STORY]

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 12th - from 7PM-9PM at Wassamki Springs Campground
October 10th - from 7PM-9PM at the Gorham Recreation Department
November 14th - from 7PM-9PM at the Gorham Recreation Department

Classified Ads

welcome New Members

Check out the ads on page 2 to view items for sale, upcoming hamfests, announcements, and wanted items.

The Wireless Society of Southern Maine would like to welcome the following new members: Dana Cobb K1RQ, of South Portland, ME, Roger Johnson N1RJ, of Limington, ME, and Stephen McGrath N1EOE, of Easthampton, MA.

From the Editor's Desk

Summer Thoughts

Its hard to believe that the summer has almost passed! It seems like just a little while ago I was writing a preview for Field Day, and all of our activities were months ahead. Looking back, the last few weeks have certainly been exciting. We had an outstanding Field Day, nearly tripling our score from last year, and we had a great expedition to Mt. Washington for Summits on the Air (SOTA) and the CQWW VHF contest.

This past Sunday we made an expedition to Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, in Bristol, Maine, for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW). Though its

too soon to announce totals, we had a great turnout, talked to a lot of people about Amateur Radio, and activated 5 bands with 4 different transceivers.

In November, WSSM members will be teaching an *Intro to Ham Radio* course for Wells / Ogunquit Adult Education. We always look forward to introducing this hobby to newcomers. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning about Amateur Radio, and the steps they need to pursue to earn a license, please let them know about this course. More details will be available soon.

In other news - On Tuesday, I returned home from a trip to Europe, where I had the opportunity to play radio! I'd like to say thanks to Stefania YO9GJY for her hospitality and for helping me find my way in such an unfamiliar setting, and to Radu YO9CAB, for providing access to the building and answering questions about the station. It was my first time operating from outside North America, and its an experience I will treasure for a long time.

Till next issue,

73,

Tim Watson
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